

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 695

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A RESOLUTION recognizing Watson and Mack Brown on becoming the winningest coaching brothers in NCAA Division I history.

WHEREAS, on November 9, 2013, Tennessee Technology University's Golden Eagle football team cruised to an easy 41-16 victory over Southeast Missouri. Later that same day, the Longhorns of the University of Texas outlasted the West Virginia Mountaineers in a hard-fought overtime game that ended in the score of 47-40 in favor of Texas; and

WHEREAS, with those two victories, Watson Brown, head coach of the Golden Eagles, and Mack Brown, head coach of the Longhorns, became the winningest brothers in NCAA Division I history; and

WHEREAS, Cookeville natives Watson and Mack Brown, grandsons of Cookeville High School coaching legend Eddie "Jelly" Watson, at one time the winningest coach in Middle Tennessee, equaled the mark of 362 victories set by Bill and Vince Dooley with the Golden Eagles' victory and surpassed it, establishing a new record of 363 victories, when the Longhorns beat the Mountaineers; and

WHEREAS, the Browns each have twenty-nine years of head coaching experience. Watson Brown served as the head coach of Austin Peay, Cincinnati, Rice, Vanderbilt, Alabama-Birmingham, and Tennessee Tech; Mack Brown led the teams of Tulane, North Carolina, and Texas, during which period elder brother Watson led his teams to 126 victories and younger brother Mack tallied 237 head coaching wins; and

WHEREAS, the Brown brothers credit their strong family values, instilled in them by their parents and grandparents when the brothers were growing up in Cookeville, for their success. Throughout their careers, the Brown brothers have remained close, often talking on a daily

basis during the season, helping each other, exchanging ideas, and offering advice and guidance to one another, and this strong sense of family has helped them each attain higher levels of success; and

WHEREAS, over the past three decades, Watson and Mack Brown have stood as beacons of coaching excellence, inspiring the young men who have played for them while instilling in them the values of hard work, teamwork, and the importance of personal and professional excellence; and it is wholly fitting that this body recognize them on their most recent accomplishment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Watson and Mack Brown on becoming the winningest coaching brothers in NCAA Division I history, applaud their many years of coaching excellence, and extend our best wishes for their continued success and happiness in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.